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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 13 and 26 as follows (a marked-up copy of the claim amendments is provided as an attachment to this Amendment):

13. (Amended-Clean Text) The synchronous motor as claimed in Claim 10, further comprising a starter squirrel cage conductor in the rotor iron core.